

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Examiner : Paul V. Ward  
Group Art Unit : 1624  
Applicants : Ronald Knegt et al.  
For : CASPASE INHIBITORS AND USES THEREOF

April 1, 2008  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the November 1, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have submitted herewith a request for a two-month (2-month) extension of time to reply to the Office Action. The time for this reply is, therefore, up to and including April 1, 2008. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Remarks begin at page 2 of this reply.